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1. BEGIN QUOTE: ATRIKA EDITORIAL, MAY 28, TITLED
FOREIGNERS ALSO OBSERVE. BEGIN TEXT. FOREIGNERS ALSO ARE
OBSERVING THE EVOLUTION OF OUR NATIONAL LIFE. THAT IS THEIR
RIGHT, WHETHER IT BE FOREIGNERS LIVING AMONG US OR OUTSIDE
THE COUNTRY. BESIDES, EVEN IF OUR NATION IS AN ISLAND, WE
CANNOT LIVE IN ISOLATION. AND WHETHER IT BE BY THE CHANNEL
OF THE PRESS OR RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, NOTHING IS
HIDDEN FROM THEM CONCERNING OUR JOURNEY ALONG THE NEW PATH
WHICH WE HAVE SET FOR OURSELVES. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
NEW STURCTURE BASED ON THE SOCIEZSSIST FOKONOLONA IS THE
OBJECT AMONG OTHER THINGS, OF THEIR OBSERVATIONS. HERE IS
THEIR COMMENTARY: "THIS EFFORT TO CONFER POWER ON THE MASS
BY THE INTERMEDIARY OF THE SMALLEST UNIT, FOKONTANY IS AN
EXPERIENCE WHICH IS ORIGINAL AND INTERESTING IN THE
NATIONAL LIFE OF MADAGASCAR". (COMMENT: THIS IS
APPARENTLY QUOTE FROM VOA ITEM WITH SLIGHT CHANGES DUE
TO TRANSLATION FROM FRENCH TO MALAGASY TO ENGLISH.)

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2. THEY TREMBLE SO MUCH THE MORE AT THE IDEA THAT THE
MALAGASY PEOPLE ARE READY TO ASSUME THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES
IN THIS NEW STRUCTURE, FOR SINCE THE 21ST DEC. 1975, DATE
ON WHICH THEY SELECTED THE SOCIALIST OPTION UNTIL MAR 20, 1977,
THE BEGINNING OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW FOKONOLONA
STRUCTURE WHICH CONTINUES TOWARDS ITS COMPLETION WITH THE

ELECTIONS TOMORROW AT THE SCALE OF THE FARITANY, THE MALAGASY PEOPLE HAVE ONLY ONE OBJECTIVE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVOLUTIONARY POWER WHICH WILL DEFEND THE INTEREST OF THE PRODUCTIVE PEOPLE DIRECTED BY THE CONSCIENTIOUS MILITANT CADRES WHICH HAVE EMERGED FROM THE MASS.

3. IT NOW APPEARS EVIDENT TO THEM THAT THE REVOLUTION IS NOT A MASQUERADE AND THAT IT IS THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE TO DESTROY THE OUTDATED STRUCTURES AND TO ABOLISH INJUSTICES AND INEQUALITY, SOURCES OF DIVISION.

4. THE FOREIGNERS OBSERVE. THEIR ROLE IS REDUCED TO THAT. THE TIME IS OVER THEN THEY COULD PROFIT FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRUCTURE LIKE THIS ONE IN ORDER TO INTERFERE IN OUR AFFAIRS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFENDING THEIR INTERESTS. BUT AT PRESENT THE POPULATION IS TAKING ITS RESPONSIBILITY AND DOES NOT LET ITSELF BE DIVIDED FOR THE RULE OF OTHERS. FOR DECENTRALIZATION IS AN IMPORTANT GUARANTEE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF NATIONAL UNITY. END TEXT.
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